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<b>Title:</b>	<b>300 schoolkids fall ill after taking deworming pills in North Tripura</b>			
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At least 300 school children fell ill on Wednesday after getting deworming pills in Kadamtala rural development block of North Tripura. The pills were distributed by the health department on National Deworming Day. Health minister Badal Choudhury said students of a few schools in the Kadamtala area bordering Assam were complaining of abdominal pain, giddiness and respiratory problems after consuming the deworming pills. All the students were taken to the Kadamtala hospital but most of them didn't get any treatment because of inadequate infrastructure to treat such a large number of children and insufficient number of doctors.

Tension triggered after the news of ill effects of de-worming pills spread. Senior officials from the district have rushed to the spot and a large number of security personnel have been deployed in the area. The opposition Trinamool Congress has accused the government of administering poor quality drugs procured locally without floating tenders. It demanded an inquiry into the incident. About 11 lakh children between 1-19 years have been given the pills this year. So far except Kadamtala, there is no report of any complication from anywhere else in the state.

The health department mobilised doctors from nearby hospitals to tackle the situation, while security forces have been deployed to ease the tension.

The government ordered testing of the tablets, as well as the water and mid-day meals of the particular schools, as the tablets were apparently found okay and the same were given to thousands of students across the state, said Choudhury. District magistrate of North Tripura Dr Sandeep R Mahatme has instituted a separate investigation into the case separately.

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